



**Western Gateway Heritage State Park  
Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: RAILROAD TALKS TO BEGIN**

**North Adams – Return to the heyday of trains and trolleys rumbling through the Berkshires at a series of free illustrated talks on railroading beginning February 4 at 2 p.m. at Western Gateway Heritage State Park in North Adams, MA. The series is a collaborative effort by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, North Adams Historical Society, North Adams Public Library and Berkshire Scenic Railway. All of the talks will be held in the Shipper's Office of the Visitors' Center. Refreshments will be served.**

**Jack Trowill will speak on "The History of Berkshire Railroads" His grandfather, father and an uncle all worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad with some 100 years of combined service. His lifelong interest in railroading has led to research on the chronology of Berkshire lines as well as the history of the Lenox, MA station. He has been a volunteer with Berkshire Scenic Railway in Lenox since 1985. He has served at various times as curator, trainman, director and other positions. In the event of inclement weather, the talk will be held on February 11.**

**The other talks in the series are February 18 John Hyde "Down at the Depot: The Railroad Station in American Life; March 4 Jerry Kelley "Lining Towers of the Hoosac Tunnel"; and March 18 Kinsley Goodrich "The Berkshire Street Railway: Trolley Systems of the Berkshires." In the event of inclement weather, the talks will be held the following Sunday at 2 p.m.**

**The park is located on Route 8 between State and Furnace Streets. For further information, call (413) 663-6312 or visit [www.mass.gov/dcr/wghp](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/wghp).**